

SERVICES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Traffic Delays between Potwisha Campground & Giant Forest

Delays may total up to one hour from 6am to 6pm on weekdays and occasional Saturdays.

Automated signal lights may be used to stop traffic briefly day or night if one lane is blocked. Other than occasional automatic signals, no delays are expected on weekends or holidays. There will also be delays near the Sherman Tree; check locally for updates.

Avoid overheating and losing your brakes! When stopped, keep your foot off the brake. Put your vehicle in PARK and set the emergency brake. Thanks for slowing down and giving workers plenty of room.

Lodgepole Area

LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. This village is a few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and your map. Lodgepole Village offers:

INFORMATION (NPS)

- **Visitor Center:** Daily 8am-5pm. Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm. Exhibits & a slide program on geology & forest life; books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4436. Hours may be reduced after 9/6.
- **Wilderness Permits:** Required for backcountry overnight trips. Get them at the permit office by the visitor center daily 7:15-11am and noon-4pm through September. See details page 10. 1-559-565-4408.
- **Walter Fry Nature Center:** Open Friday through Monday noon-5pm at least through mid-August. Check bulletin boards.

FOOD & SHOPS (DNCPR)

- **Lodgepole Market & Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-8pm. Starting 9/7 9am-6pm. Supplies, bear canisters, gifts, premade sandwiches, ice cream.
- **Snack Bar:** Daily 8am-8pm through 9/6, then weekends only 9am-6pm. Breakfast, hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza.
- **Deli:** Daily 11am-6pm through 9/6, then weekends only 9am-6pm. Sandwiches, salads.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Lodgepole Campground (NPS):** Open all year. Details on page 9.
- **Showers & Laundry (DNCPR):** Showers daily 8am-1pm & 3-7:45pm through 9/6, then 9am-1pm & 3-5:45pm. Laundry 8am-8pm through 9/6, then 9am-6pm. Last load of laundry in 1 hour before closing.
- **Post Office:** Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.

WUKSACHI VILLAGE

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the General Sherman Tree.

FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCPR)

- **Dining Room:** Breakfast 7-10am, lunch 11:30am-2:30pm, dinner 5-10pm. Dinner reservations required: 1-559-565-4070. Box lunches available. Lounge daily 4-11pm.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-8pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, art, snacks.
- **Wuksachi Lodge:** See page 8 for details.

WOLVERTON MEADOWS

7200' (2160 m) elevation. This open grassy area is just 2 miles (3.2km) north of the General Sherman Tree.

FOOD (DNCPR)

- **Barbecue:** 6pm Wednesday-Sunday evenings through 9/6. All-you-can-eat meal served outdoors.

Giant Forest Area

GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home to the world's biggest trees, this grove offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. See page 4 for highlights. For picnic areas, check page 3 and your map.

- **Giant Forest Museum (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm. Explore exhibits about the amazing Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 559-565-4480.

CRYSTAL CAVE - Daily tours of this park highlight

Tickets are not sold at the cave; see page 3 for details and schedule.

Foothills Area

1500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. A land of oaks, chaparral, and river canyons, hot summers and snow-free winters, the foothills have the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is here at Ash Mountain. In addition to picnic areas (page 3), the foothills offer:

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm. Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. 559-565-3135.
- **Potwisha Campground (NPS):** Year-round. Details on page 9.

Mineral King Area

Beware! In spring & early summer, marmots chew on hoses & wiring in cars parked in upper Mineral King. Ask a ranger for information.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. Mineral King is a beautiful subalpine river valley, at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road (no RVs, buses, or trailers, please). There is no electricity or gasoline in the area.

- **Ranger Station (NPS):** Daily 8am-4:30pm. A small visitor center with exhibits on area history, books, maps, local wilderness permits, first aid, & bear canisters. 559-565-3768.
- **Silver City Mountain Resort:** Cabins, chalets. Restaurant, bakery, showers & small store (gifts, limited supplies, ice, firewood; no gasoline or fishing licenses) 8am-8pm Thursday-Monday, Tuesday-Wednesday 8am-3pm (restaurant closed; breakfast bar & pie available). Summer 559-561-3223; winter 805-528-2730. www.silvercityresort.com.
- **Camping (NPS):** No RVs or trailers. Details on page 9.

NATURE PROGRAMS

GIANT FOREST/ LODGEPOLE

These programs continue through mid-August. Some go into September:

Daily 11am - Moro Vista: Meet on top of Moro Rock to take in its vistas with a ranger. Plan at least 15 minutes to climb the staircase! 1/2 hour.

Daily 2pm - Bears of the Sierra: Gain insight into these strong, smart, yet vulnerable animals. At Lodgepole Visitor Center. 45 minutes.

Daily 3:30pm - Realm of Giants: Learn more about the world's largest living trees. Meet in front of Giant Forest Museum. 1-1/2 hours.

Nightly - Lodgepole Campfire: Learn more about this park! Check locally for times & topics. Lodgepole Campground Amphitheater. 1 hour.

IN THE FOOTHILLS

Programs through Monday, 9/6:

Daily 12:30pm - Hospital Rock Talk: Meet at this important cultural feature to learn more about it. 1 hour.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 5pm - River Rove: An informal talk along the Kaweah River. Locations vary; check locally. 1 hour.

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9am - Buckeye Flat Walk: Explore the Kaweah River canyon country. Meet at Buckeye Flat Campground bulletin board. 1 hour.

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 7:30pm - Potwisha Campfire: Meet at the campground amphitheater for family fun. 1 hour.

MINERAL KING

Programs are offered through 9/5:

Thursday 8pm - Mineral King Treasures: Discover the hidden treasures of this unique area. Meet at Silver City Resort. 1 hour.

Friday - Night Walk: Explore Sierran nightlife with all your senses. Check locally for time. At Mineral King Ranger Station. 1 hour.

Saturday - Campfire Traditions: Discover Mineral King's rich natural and cultural history through songs, stories, legends, and more! Mineral Kings Ranger Station. 1 hour.

Sunday 9:30am - Sequoia Walk: Explore Mineral King through the "eyes" of a giant. Atwell/Hockett trailhead. 1-1/2 hours.